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Non-Responsive Election (Bonafide)

The reply dated March 11, 2003 (Paper No. 7) is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicants election of Group I (claims 1-7) is noted (see Paper No. 7, page 1). However, applicants failed to elect all of the required species. Applicants must elect one species from each subgroup (i.e., subgroups 1-9, see Paper No. 5, pages 4-6) resulting in 9 elections. Applicants only elected one species from subgroup 1.

The examiner also notes that the appropriate fees must be paid to extend the time period for response.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE(1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner **Jon D. Epperson, Ph. D.**, Art Unit **1639**, whose telephone number is **(703) 308-2423**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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